

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Elections – General Elections to the Telangana State Legislative Assembly – Pre-Certification of advertisements of political parties / candidates/ others, etc published in Print Media and telecast in Electronic Media and also Social Media – Constitution of Pre-Certification Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1223

Dated: 29-08-2023

Read the following:

1. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New Delhi Orders in S.L.P. (c) No. 6679/2004, dated 13.04.2004.
2. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Order No.509/75/2004/JS-1, dated 15.04.2004.
3. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Lr.No.491/Paid News/2012/Media, dated 27.08.2012.
4. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Lr.No.491/Paid News/2019/ Communication, dated 25.02.2019.
5. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Letter No.491/MCMC/2021/Communication, dated 19.03.2021.
6. Issued G.O. Rt. No. 203, GA (Elections.A) Department, dated: 13.02.2023.
7. Election Commission of India, New Delhi, Lr. No.491/MCMC/5/2023/Communication, dated 24.08.2023.

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ORDER:

Pursuant to the directions of the Election Commission of India vide its orders 2nd to 5th & 7th cited read above and issued G.O. Rt. No. 203 of GA (Elections.A) Department vide reference 6th cited, constituted a Committee with the chair of Jt. CEO on Certification of election advertisement pertaining to the political parties for campaign by way of telecast in Electronic Media i.e., on TV Channels, Cable Networks, Cinema halls and Broadcast in Radio Stations including private FM channels; publication in Print Media and for campaigning in Social Media in connection with General Elections in the State.

2. Now, the revised Committee has proposed with Addl. CEO, Telangana as Chairman and other following as members for certification of election advertisements pertaining to the political parties for campaign by way of telecast in Electronic Media i.e., on TV Channels, Cable Networks, advertisements to displayed in Cinema halls and Broadcast in Radio Stations including private FM channels, Audio – visual displays in public places, publication in Print Media and also e- news papers, use of bulk SMS/ recorded voice messages and for campaigning in Social Media and internet websites in connection with General Elections in the State.

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| 1) Additional Chief Electoral Officer,
Telangana State. | ... Chairman |
| 2) Returning Officer,
09-Hyderabad Parliamentary Constituency
Hyderabad | ... Member |
| 3) Deputy Director & Head of News
All India Radio
Hyderabad. | ... Member |
| 4) Assistant Director, Digital Media,
(Intermediary Expert / Social Media Expert)
O/o ITE&C Department,
T.S.Secretariat,
Hyderabad – 29. | ... Member |
| 5) Assistant Chief Electoral Officer,
Telangana State. | ... Member & Convenor |

(P.T.O)

3. The above certification committee has no jurisdiction over cases of 'Paid News', as per directions contained in the Election Commission of India letter dt: 27.08.2012 vide reference 3rd read above.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**VIKAS RAJ
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &
E.O. PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Chairperson and Members of the Committee Constituted herein.

{Along with copy of the ECI Lr. No.491/MCMC/5/2023/Communication,
dated 24.08.2023}.

The Commissioner, GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad (w.e)

All the Collectors & District Election officers in the State (w.e)

The Presidents of all Political Parties for the State of Telangana

{Recognized National Parties and State Level Parties}

{Along with copy of the ECI Lr. No.491/MCMC/5/2023/Communication,
dated 24.08.2023}.

The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department, Telangana State, Samachar
Bhavan, A.C.Guards, Hyderabad – 500 004.

All the Television Channels / Cable Network Operators/ All India Radio and Private

F.M. Channels. {Through the Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department,
Telangana State, Hyderabad.}

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary to Govt, Information Technology Electronics and Communications Department, Telangana State, Secretariat, At 5th Floor, B.R.K.Bhavan, Hyderabad-29.
2. The Director General (South Zone), Press Information Bureau,
M/o. Information & Broadcasting, GOI, Room No.203, 2nd Floor, CGO Towers, Kavadiguda,
Sec'bad -80.
4. The Deputy Director General, Prasar Bharathi, Door Darshan Kendra,
Telangana State, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad- 500 013.
5. The Station Director, Prasar Bharathi, All India Radio, Saifabad,
Hyderabad – 500004.
6. The P.M. I.T, and S.L.A..O/o the CEO, T.S. for uploading the G.O.Rt. in the CEO's website.
7. All the Officers, in G.A (Elections) Dept., and P.S/ PA to the CEO/ Joint CEO/ Dy. CEO.
8. The Secretary, Press Council of India, Sookhana Bhavan, 8-C, CGOs Complex, Lodhi
Road, New Delhi - 110003.
9. Shri Suman Kumar Das, Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan,
Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001.
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SECTION OFFICER